AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for removing a dissimilar material, which is attached to a plastic product and is different from the material of the plastic product, from the plastic product, comprising:

placing the plastic product on a seat unit; and

punching out the dissimilar material by moving a blade unit down from an upper position relative to the seat unit with a working unit which is located lower than the seat unit and the blade unit, wherein

the punched out dissimilar material is guided by a first guide unit disposed to be inclined beside the working unit,

the punched out dissimilar material is guided by a second guide unit disposed on the opposite side of the working unit from the first guide unit.

the seat unit is arranged to be movable relative to the working unit in a horizontal direction, and

the first guide unit, the working unit and the second guide unit are aligned in the horizontal direction.

2-3. (Cancelled)

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4. (Currently amended) An apparatus for removing a dissimilar material, which is attached to a plastic product and is different from the material of the plastic product, from the plastic product, comprising:

a seat unit on which the plastic product is placed; [[and]]

a punching unit having a blade unit configured to punch out the dissimilar material, and a working unit located lower than the seat unit and the blade unit and configured to move the blade unit down from an upper position relative to the seat unit:

a first guide unit disposed to be inclined beside the working unit, and arranged to guide the punched out dissimilar material; and

a second guide unit disposed on the opposite side of the working unit from the first guide unit and to be inclined beside the working unit, and arranged to guide the punched out dissimilar material, wherein

the seat unit is arranged to be movable relative to the working unit in a horizontal direction, and

the first guide unit, the working unit and the second guide unit are aligned in the horizontal direction.

- 5. (Cancelled)
- 6. (Currently amended) The method for removing a dissimilar material according to claim 1, wherein the dissimilar material punched out is guided by a first guide unit disposed to be inclined beside the working unit, and

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the dissimilar material guided by the first guide unit is collected by a first collection box disposed beside the working unit.

7. (Currently amended) The method for removing a dissimilar material according to claim 6, wherein the dissimilar material punched out is guided by a second guide unit disposed on the opposite side of the working unit from the first guide unit, and

the dissimilar material guided by the second guide unit is collected by a second collection box disposed beside the working unit.

8. (Currently amended) The apparatus for removing a dissimilar material according to claim 4, further comprising:

a first guide unit disposed to be inclined beside the working unit, and arranged to guide the dissimilar material punched out; and

a first collection box disposed beside the working unit, and arranged to collect the dissimilar material guided by the first guide unit.

9. (Currently amended) The apparatus for removing a dissimilar material according to claim 4, further comprising:

a second-guide unit-disposed on the opposite side of the working unit form the first guide unit and to be inclined beside the working unit, and arranged to guide the dissimilar material punched out; and

a second collection box disposed beside the working unit, and arranged to collect the dissimilar material guided by the second guide unit.

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10-11. (Cancelled)